

NEW INDUSTRY FOR CLINCH VALLEY.

Successful Manufacture of Coke Oven Bottom Tile is Regarded as Triumph For This Section.

The successful manufacture of coke oven bottom tile is a new branch of the brick industry in this section. This is a special class of material and has not heretofore been produced in this vicinity. Many car loads have been shipped in every year from Ohio and Kentucky points and even from Georgia and Alabama.

The brick, or tile, with which a coke oven is paved are subject to a most severe treatment. After the coke is burned, it must be quenched with water before it is pulled from the oven. Some of the water runs through to the bottom and the hot tile are subjected to the quickest sort of cooling. This has a tendency to shatter the tile. Furthermore, the water has a softening effect on the hot tile, so that the wear of the coke and of the coke puller's "beaver" will soon go through the tile pavement unless it be of a special quality, designed to withstand just this service. It has not been thought possible, until recently, to make this class of material from class available in this district. It is therefore regarded as something of a triumph for this section that this product has now been produced, successful, in a commercial way, at Richlands, from materials available in abundant quantities at the plant of the Richlands Brick Corporation at that point.

This product was produced at Richlands more than a year ago but the fact was not made public until a thorough test of the tile had been made in actual service. After the Richlands product had been in use for several months in comparison with tile from other states it was found that the tile not only had the necessary fire-resisting qualities but that they were harder and more durable than those obtained elsewhere. Another important point is that these tiles are impervious to water. By refusing to absorb water, they hold heat better than the ordinary bottom. This is an advantage to the coke burner, as a cold bottom is one of the most prolific causes of "black-jack" coke.

We have a superb line of DEPENDABLE Dolls and Toys for the children. Let them come and select something for "Santa" to bring them.

Not Ready to Reorganize.

Republican governors from a dozen states and party leaders in congress, with whom they conferred in Washington Monday, have agreed that no definite steps toward a reorganization of the republican party and a realignment of its working forces are practicable within a year. Communications from progressive republicans whom it was desired to bring into the party, and the apathy among men who have formerly shown the greatest party activity, have helped to convince the leaders in the reorganization movement that no concerted plans should be taken until late next year.

A conference including Governors Hadley, of Missouri, and Tener, of Pennsylvania, and presided over by Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland, brought together the republican executives from states covering the entire area where the progressive republican fight was most severe during the recent campaign. Governor Glascock, of West Virginia, was present at the conference.

Governor Hadley made a personal statement after the meeting, however, with the explanation that he undertook to speak only for himself. He declared that the defection of four million voters from the republican ranks in 1912 required a careful consideration and urged that a national convention be called before the beginning of the next campaign to readjust party rules, so that no question could be raised over the "representative character" of the national republican convention.

We are showing an unusually attractive line of novelties in Silver Mesh Bags, Vanity Cases, Coin Purses, Watch Bracelets, Scarf Pins, Brooches, Long Neck Chains, etc. Get our prices before buying.

Will Print Taft's Speech to U. S. C.

At the request of Senator Johnston, of Alabama, the United States Senate on last Friday agreed to print as a public document President Taft's recent address to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, delivered at their annual convention held in Washington last month.

Senator Johnston said he regarded the speech as embracing such broad statesmanship and noble sentiment that it should be in every American household.

Death of W. O. Perry.

W. O. Perry, mayor of Welch, W. Va., died at his old home in Culpeper, Va., on last Saturday after an illness of some four months.

Mr. Perry had been a resident of Welch for the past eighteen years, and was very popular in the home of his adoption. He was a frequent visitor to Tazewell, and had many friends at this place.

place. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nannie Tate, and a two year old son.

The funeral was held in Culpeper on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A delegation of Masons from McDowell Lodge No. 112, A. F. and A. F., of Welch, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral.

We are expecting every day another big shipment of books. All the best new books among them.

Positions in Plenty.

Positions in plenty are waiting for the young men or young women who can measure up to requirements. Throughout the year the Roanoke National Business College receives inquiries for pupils and places graduates in positions. At times the demand far exceeds the supply; in fact, the school has been unable to fill more than fifty per cent of the applications received from business men. Such is the confidence the public has in that institution.

Business men know they are getting just the kind of help they need and the best that up-to-date methods in teaching and training can produce. This school is careful to ascertain from the prospective employer just what he expects from the pupil. The college is just as careful to recommend only such applicants as it feels confident can live up to these expectations.

All its students who become reasonably competent can readily secure positions. The college makes no charge to either the employer or applicant for its services in establishing a mutually satisfactory connection.

The winter session opens January 1st. Desk room is reserved in the order in which applications for entrance are received. Those contemplating a course should make arrangements early.

Boyer & Co., have a complete line of the celebrated "Keen-Kutter" Brand of Scissor Sets, Manicure Sets, Razor Sets, Pocket Knives, Carving Sets, etc. These goods are sold under a full guarantee.

TAZEWELL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Interesting Program to be Rendered Friday And Saturday at Richlands Meeting.

The following interesting program has been arranged for the meeting of the Tazewell County Teachers' Association, to be held in the High School building at Richlands tomorrow and Saturday:

- FRIDAY.**
- 10:30 Devotional Exercises
 - 10:45 Roll Call
 - 11:00 Reports of Delegates to the State Educational Association
 - 12:00 Noon Recess

- 1:30 Roll Call
- 1:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 2:00 Discussion of the following subjects:

- a. The great value of regular attendance. How to direct our efforts to secure it.
- b. Should attendance count on grades
- II. Benefits derived from manual training in grammar grades
- III. Language work in primary grades
- IV. Securing and maintaining a Public School Library
- V. Best methods of dealing with pupils who fail to make their grades
- VI. Inadequate preparation of grammar grade pupils for high school

- Discussion to be called for from chair.
- SATURDAY.**
- 9:00 Roll Call
 - 9:15 Devotional Exercises
 - 9:30 Miscellaneous Business
 - 9:45 Discussion of the following subjects:

- Value of School Fairs to a community
- Method of holding a School Fair
- Some personal experiences in holding School Fairs
- What the school should be to the community
- Report of committee on outline for one and two room schools

Adjournment.

We don't intend to carry over one dollar's worth of Dolls and Toys, our prices are made with this end in view. You will save money by getting our prices.

Bristol-to-Bluefield.

The Bristol Board of Trade has called a meeting of all interested in the construction of a highway from Bluefield, W. Va., to Bristol, Va.-Tenn., to be held in Bristol on January 24th. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested in good roads and the growth of the great southwest section of Virginia to be present.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Interesting Items Gathered by Our Correspondent For The Busy Reader.

Pounding Mill, Va., Dec. 10, 1912. J. T. Altizer made a business trip to Bluefield Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Beavers spent the week-end at Maxwell with relatives.

Miss Jessie O'Keefe, of Tazewell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. K. Gillespie, here today.

Mrs. Remies and son, of Thompson Valley, are here this week visiting the former's uncle, Milton Harris.

Mrs. W. B. Harris and Miss Effie Williams were the guests Saturday of Mrs. J. Saunders Gillespie at Cliffside.

W. B. Steele had the misfortune on Saturday afternoon to get the little finger of his right hand mashed, which bothers him greatly.

Mrs. Witt Low, Mrs. Lyde Ireson, Mrs. Shinnault, Messrs. Mose Puckett, Ben Lockhart and others from Maxwell were here Sunday attending the revival services.

W. R. Sparks and Mercer Thomas were among those who took the examination at Maxwell Saturday for the position of rural carrier on the route leading out of Pocahontas.

Mr. Enos Doughten, of Belfast Mills, spent Monday night with his son, Peery, at the country home of the late Cyrus Williams, where the younger Doughten now lives. Mr. Doughten's friends will be glad to hear that he has fully recovered from his recent severe attack of pneumonia; and although in his seventy-second year, this old soldier of the sixties is wonderfully well preserved.

Rev. W. F. Mannel, of Bristol, who is conducting a series of meetings in the Church of God at this place, is preaching some excellent sermons. He is one of the old-fashioned exponents of Gospel truths, and so clear and logical in what he says that "a way-faring man though a fool" need not err in choosing for the right. The meetings are being well attended and much interest manifested by all.

Pounding Mill prides itself on the fact that there are but few, if any, loafers within its borders. Everybody are on the go, and the town is one of the busiest to be found along the Clinch, and improving day by day. The large quarries of the Norfolk and Western and those owned by individuals, are employing a number of men and want more; while the teamsters here are also all being kept busy hauling materials to places where needed. We used to know everybody here, but the prosperity of our little town has brought into it many strangers, and day we see dozens of faces we do not know. Those who will keep boarders are "full up." Won't someone get busy and build some new residences? They are badly needed to accommodate our rapidly growing population.

The new school building here is rapidly nearing completion, and is now ready to be put under roof. Many of our people think the plans of construction should have been different from what they are, and that a folding partition should have been placed between the two rooms so as to have permitted the giving of entertainments, etc., by the students on appropriate occasions. The school board, though, perhaps are ignorant of the fact that the children here are able to recite and declaim, and thus give enjoyment to their parents, neighbors and friends. This change, however, can be made yet with but little trouble and expense, and it should be done. There should also be a bell and bell to summon the students to the schoolroom, for it would frequently keep many of them from being late.

We have just received a few Importer's sample sets of fine Table Linens, Napkins and towels. These are doubtless the finest quality which have ever been offered in this section at retail, and we are selling them at a great bargain, quality considered.

Items From Skeggs.

Skeggs, Va., Dec. 9, 1912. Douglas Cook has been very sick at his home here for the past few days.

Miss Pearl Hale was the guest of Tary and Beas Cook on last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Matney were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Meadows visited Mr. and Mrs. John Brown at Hanger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cook spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grimsley and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hale Sunday.

B. Jay Cook, stenographer for the Clifton Forge Grocery Company, at Clifton Forge, Va., is expected home the 18th to spend the holidays with his parents.

This is YOU! If you have recently (since our last notice) bought from us any article bearing the KEEN-KUTTER BRAND, which was not first-class and satisfactory as to quality, BRING IT BACK TO US AND GET ANOTHER. We will replace it free of charge.

A. G. Russell, J. P. Royall, O. L. Fuley and O. C. Thompson were visitors in Bluefield Monday.

RICHLANDS HAS HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Richlands, Va., Dec. 9, 1912.

With the close of this month Richlands will end a most prosperous year. During the present year the merchants have enjoyed a good trade and much has been done for the general advancement of the best interests of the people in general of the town as well as all business interests.

While the number of new industries and new stores during the past year have not been a matter of great moment, yet, every business interest has been enlarged and many additions have been made to stores and other business concerns.

The Richlands Brick Corporation reports the best business in the history of the company, and at all times keeps a full force working in order to fill the increasing orders of the company.

New sidewalks and street improvements are needed, and these improvements and also a sewer system will be decided on during the incoming year; and doubtless some definite action will be taken towards making many other new municipal improvements.

The private sewer system extending from the Brown building through the property of Dr. Williams and T. D. Sexton has been completed, and will be used by Dr. Williams in connection with his home and hospital and also by Mr. Sexton for drainage purposes at Hotel Richlands, of which he is proprietor.

The re-opening of the mines at Seaboard and Coalman of the Empire Coal Corporation on October 1 was a great benefit to Richlands and vicinity, as many of the two hundred mine employees of the company come to Richlands to do their trading. Mr. Zeigler, general superintendent of the Empire Corporation, says he is well pleased with the work which has been accomplished at the mines of the company since it was reopened, and predicts a fine output of coal and coke during the coming year. The company has made many improvements at its operations since October, and is planning to make many more during the next few months.

The Jewel Ridge Coal Company, which has mines about seven miles from this place, reports a good business, and there is no doubt as to that company making new additions to its operation within a short time.

The Raven Red Ash and Town Hill Coal Companies each report a good business, and the officials of these companies predict that next year will be the best in the history of the operations.

There is considerable talk of the Norfolk and Western locating yards at this place, which, if done, will mean much for the town. There is plenty of good ground here suitable for yard purposes, and it is said that the land owners will be very liberal with the railroad company if it wishes to locate its yards at this point.

Wm. Hendricks returned Friday from Pounding Mill.

Leland Scott who had his leg broken was in town Friday.

G. G. Harris was at Honaker on Saturday to Monday.

Miss Madge Harris returned from a visit to Bluefield Sunday.

A. J. Coleman has been feeling a little indisposed for a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hendricks, of Graham, were in town last Friday.

Herbert Young was in town the first of the week looking after his property.

J. D. Farmer a bridge foreman in the employ of the N. & W., was here Wednesday.

Mrs. W. B. Spratt and Miss Lovelace, were visitors at Devon Friday and Saturday.

Misses May and Lena Coleman were visiting their grandparents at Cedar Bluff Sunday.

J. D. Mullens, of Honaker, was in consultation with Dr. Williams Friday and is being treated by him.

Mrs. J. Walter Kitt, of Bluefield, spent Thanksgiving with relatives at this place and returned home Friday.

T. M. Scott has accepted a position as mine foreman at Tacoma, Va., and has gone to that place to begin getting out the dusky diamonds.

W. H. Kimler and parties were here last week looking at the baryta mill property, with a view toward the resumption of the same.

Mrs. W. P. Farmer left Tuesday for a visit to relatives in Washington county for a week or so, and "Billy" is threatened strongly with rheumatism.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McCorkle, at Big Stone Gap, and returned Friday.

Aunt Winney Horton, who has been a boon companion of the Stork, has returned to Richlands after a sojourn of about three weeks at Swords Creek.

The applicants for postoffices in the county will exceed the democratic ratio of 16 to 1. While at this place it does not quite reach the limit, we have not heard from all precincts as yet.

Pictures and Picture Frames at Boyer's.

BURKES GARDEN.

Items of Interest Concerning People You Know and Hear Talked About.

Burkes Garden, Va., Dec. 9, 1912. George Gose, a student at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., is at his home here on account of sickness.

The children here are busy practicing for the exercises to be held at Central church on Christmas day. They are anticipating an enjoyable time.

George W. Wynn has disposed of his farm at this place. T. R. Boling being the purchaser. A lifetime home on the farm is reserved by Mr. Wynn.

George H. Moss, who is engaged in the live stock commission business in New York City, is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moss, at this place.

Miss Etta Greever left yesterday for Richlands, where she will undergo an operation at the hospital of Dr. W. R. Williams. Her many friends here hope for her speedy recovery.

We have a few manufacturers samples of fine all-wool Blankets and Bed Comforters. These make an ideal and sensible Xmas gifts.

J. B. Boyer & Co.

W. C. T. U. Column.

The W. C. T. U. gives us its every-day message, prohibition is the best weapon in all the world with which to fight the legalized liquor traffic, prohibition state and prohibition national. The reason why the W. C. T. U. stands for prohibition is cogently expressed in the words of Miss Willard: "The prohibition of the liquor traffic is pledged by the natural law of human brotherhood, by the right of every man and woman to be all that God meant to make of them, and by the right of every little child to be sheltered from harm."

Shall we continue to protect this enemy of the home when abundant statistics prove that in states that have prohibitory laws, crime, pauperism and insanity decrease, while business prosperity, morality, health and industry steadily increase?

True Virginians wish the best possible conditions for the development of the state and her people. That this may be obtained the Virginia Woman's Christian Temperance Union appeals to you to work for the abolition of the entire liquor traffic.

In Cleveland, O., last fall a real estate dealer, caught in a heavy thunder shower, stepped into a saloon for shelter, and decided to telephone home that he would be delayed for dinner. The wires of the telephone, as a result of the fierce electrical storm, had been crossed by power wires that had sagged or broken down—but no one knew this until the real estate man took down the receiver. The moment he touched it the saloon-keeper, who was seated at a desk, heard him gasp, and saw him slipping to the floor.

Thinking that the man was suddenly ill, the saloon-keeper ran to him and grasped him about the waist. He immediately received the same terrible shock and had only time to call feebly for help before he, too, fell unconscious. His bartender, hurrying to help him, was likewise caught in the current. A mechanic, who was in the saloon, and who was something of an electrician, guessed what was the matter. Grasping a broom, he struck the telephone, knocking it loose from the wall and freeing the three men. But the broken wire touched the recuser and killed him instantly. The others, while severely injured, were nursed back to life.

This story was reported by telegraph all over the land, and appeared on the front page of many metropolitan newspapers. It concerned the danger of four men, in a city saloon, from a rare cause. Yet to those who know the real dangers of the saloon, in any neighborhood, it appeared insignificant. One mechanic instantly killed—three men injured. Except that it happened in a few minutes, that was not a high record for a flourishing saloon. A really thriving saloon has too kill and injure scores of men and wreck uncounted families in order to make its profits. It has to ruin youth and drag gray hairs to the gutter. Tragedies cluster around it—tragedies that are not news enough for the papers to give room to. The daily, the steady death roll of the saloon—if the papers would only search out and publish that, public opinion would soon join temperance opinion in wiping out this peril of modern life.

Don't put off your Xmas shopping until the last minute, but come NOW and take a look at our many suggestions.

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Honor Roll of Richlands High School.

First Grade—Bessie Buskull, Ella Baker, Hattie Childress, Louise Duff, Dorra Penland, Carrie Penland, Virginia Neel, Willie Wilson, Laura Clark Wisor, Dot Doughton, Henry Childress, Bob Coleman, Curtis Griffith, Paul Harris, Edward Hogiston, Carl Horton, James Liddle, Roscoe Nipper, Creed Shelton, Curtis Sneed, Carree Trivett.

Second Grade—Arthur Crabtree, Alonzo Baldwin, Leola Nipper, Myrtle Kippis, Jennie May Jones, Delphine Hagy, Maggie Harless, Harry Lee West, Belle Gillespie.

Third Grade—Lessie Shaw, Mary Ball, Pearl Buskull, Alice Crabtree, Mattie

Harris, Mary Harris, Clarence Blankenship, Annie Meadows, Mary Shafer, Otta Buskull.

Fourth Grade—Jesse White, Nardie Hankins, Mary Williams, Vivian Yost, Sylvester Patrick.

Fifth Grade—Mary Hickman, Madge Harris, Pauline Brown, Vicie Blankenship.

Sixth Grade—Ira Helton, Homer Keene, Zeddie Long, Pearl Elswick, Mary McKenry, Grace Rimmer.

Seventh Grade—Oscar Elswick, Lexey Clifton, Virtia Crabtree.

High School—John Boggess, John Repass, Margaret Boggess, Ethel Caldwell, Bertha Combs, Ethel Fisher, Nellie Fisher, Rachel Hewson, Kate Lowe.

Our Xmas line is now complete, and embraces every suitable gift for men, women and children.

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Tannersville Personals.

Tannersville, Va., Dec. 9, 1912. Miller Asbury was a business visitor to Tazewell Saturday.

W. E. Able was in Thompson Valley Sunday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hilt were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Den Wimmer Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Hilt and Mrs. Mollie Asbury were guests of Mrs. Mattie Holmes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ratliff spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Asbury.

Miss Mollie Crabtree spent the day Sunday visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Osborne.

Mrs. J. P. Holmes is among those in our community reported on the sick list this week. She is very ill.

Mrs. Cosby Patrick, of Broadford, was here Sunday to spend the day with her sister, Mrs. Effie Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick and Mrs. W. A. Crabtree were the guests of James Patrick and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Little, of Saltville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barrett, of this place, were the guests of Mrs. Matilda Osborne Sunday.

Robert Edmonds and family left on Thursday last for Big Creek where they will reside in the future. Mr. Edmonds recently purchased a farm there.

You will find a choice selection of pendants and neck chains at Pobst's at from \$2.50 to \$42.50; and if you want something better can have a selection on approval in three days time.

The Woman's Club met yesterday afternoon in the library at the High School. Mrs. Isaac Peirce, who was to have led the meeting, was unavoidably absent, and a general discussion was participated in by those present on the subject assigned her: "Holland's Struggle With England."

"Niagara Maid" and "Wayne-Knit" Silk Hose, in Holiday boxes, at THE BIG STORE.

J. S. & A. P. Gillespie.

The Methodist church is rapidly assuming form under the hands of the workmen employed thereon, and the graceful front can now be seen. It will be a handsome structure when completed and a credit to our city.

A beautiful line of Neckwear, in Holiday boxes, at THE BIG STORE.

J. S. & A. P. Gillespie.

The bazaar given by the Cemetery Association last week was a complete success, and the ladies sold out everything they had. The luncheon and supper also netted them a nice sum towards keeping the cemeteries in good condition. Especial mention should be made of the loyal service rendered by the colored citizens of the town, who assisted in the work this year.

Buy your boy a bicycle for Xmas, we have several of the best and latest models. Boyer & Co.

Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones, was the successful contestant for the handsome doll given last week by the ladies in charge of the cemetery bazaar to the one holding tickets totaling the greatest amount of purchases. The doll, which is equally as large as its little owner, was eagerly sought after by a number of the little misses of the town, but Ruth was an easy winner with tickets to her credit representing purchases aggregating more than one hundred and fifty dollars.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits and Coats at COST AT THE BIG STORE.

J. S. & A. P. Gillespie.

Report of the Progress Made and Money Expended on Roads Built in Tazewell County Under the Bond Issue up to November 30, 1912.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Sec.	Name	Miles	Pr	Ct	Gr'd'ng	Complete	Pr	Ct	Macadam	Es Cost	Act'l Cost
										Pr Mile	Pr Mile
	Tazewell west	4.86	26.0				.38			\$5,920.80	\$5,343.97
	" east	5.03	94.3				78.7			\$5,488.21	\$ 4,914.77
	Plum Creek	1.8	47.4				35.3			\$9,826.84	\$ 9,895.07
	Whitley Ridge	1.5	61.1						Grading cost 43.8 cents a cubic yard		
	Witten's Mill	3.5	13.0						Grading cost \$1.33 cents a cubic yard		
	To N. T'well	2.0							Grading cost 44.4 cents a cubic yard		
	Baptist Valley	1.0	44.0						Grading cost 51.1 cents a cubic yard		

NOTE—Cost of equipment included in the Witten's Mill road. This will be deducted when work is resumed again.

MAIDEN SPRING DISTRICT.

Sec.	Name	Miles	Pr	Ct	Gr'd'ng	Complete	Pr	Ct	Macadam	Es Cost	Act'l Cost
										Pr Mile	Pr Mile
	Wardell	7.57	30.2				19.2			\$7,483.57	\$10,611.00
	Baptist Valley	3.50	93.4				62.6			\$5,602.34	\$ 5,602.34
	To Bushhead	1.00	27.0				19.0				